Checking Import of Dairy Products

†4347. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Dairy Development Board has asked Government to formulate a proper policy to check the indiscriminate import of dairy product in the country; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of the (a) above, does not arise.

Relief to Farmers of Scarcity Zones

4348. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have evolved a special strategy to give relief to the farmers of scarcity zones of the country, particularly drought prone districts of Gujarat, against high prices of fertilizers, diesels and high rate of interest on agricultural loans;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) No, Sir. The existing practice of providing financial assistance under the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) is considered sufficiently effective and efficient mechanism for supplementing the efforts being made by the State Governments in the wake of prevailing drought situation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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